GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3005
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2003
MERGER OF DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES EMPLOYEES
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of DRDAs have been merged with District Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the consent of the DRDA employees was taken before their merger;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether directions were issued by the State Governments that DRDA employees would continue to avail all the facilities as before even after their merger;

(f) whether benefits of Fifth Pay Commission are being given to these employees like State Government employees;

(g) if so, whether the State Governments have refused to give the benefits of 5th Pay Commission to the employees; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (h) As per `DRDA Administration Scheme` guidelines issued w.e.f. 1.4.99, instructions were issued to States/UTs that the States Rural Development Department should immediately draw up a 3-5 year plan for absorption of the staff into the line departments. Based on information received from the States, some of the States have absorbed the employees of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in District PanchyatsIn other States, the employees of DRDAs have been absorbed or are in the process of absorption in line departments. The concerned employees of DRDA are governed by the relevant rules of departments in which they are absorbed and are entitled for the benefits on par with the employees of the concerned departments.